

accessible collections of valuable historical materials.

As required by law, the National Library of Education has already developed a preliminary collection development policy which will be refined in conjunction with the recommendations of the Task Force. Plans for completing the cataloging of arrerage in the former Education Research Library collection and for the preservation of historical materials are also being formulated in cooperation with the Task Force.

The Task Force is charged with developing a plan to implement requirements stated in the law. In addition, it is expressly authorized, at its discretion, to "identify other activities and functions for the Library to carry out, except that such functions shall not be carried out until the Library is established" and has implemented the requirements expressly stated for it in Section 951 of the Act.

In seeking public comment, the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force and the Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement are committed to fulfilling the requirements of the law authorizing the National Library of Education and to developing a world-class education library providing useful and high-quality electronic and traditional information services to the American people. The Office of Educational Research and Improvement and the National Library of Education are also committed to supporting Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which provides that the Federal Government be "customer driven." To delivery the highest quality service, the National Library of Education and its Advisory Task Force must understand the needs and interests of the Library's customers and how it can be most responsive to them.

Invitation to Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding this notice.

All comments and recommendations will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 202, 80 F Street, NW., Washington, DC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reopening the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Reopening of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the public comment period for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project in the Fuel Conditioning Facility at Argonne National Laboratory-West until May 3, 1996. All comments received by that date will be considered in preparing the final EA. A Notice of Availability of the draft was published on February 2, 1996 (61 FR 3922). All other information contained in the Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

DATES: The comment period on the draft EA will continue through May 3, 1996. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the draft EA and written comments on the draft EA should be addressed to: Mr. Greg Bass, NEPA Document Manager, Argonne Group-West, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2528, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. Mr. Bass may be contacted by telephone at (208) 533-7184 and facsimile at (208) 533-7422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756 or by calling (202) 586-4600. For general information on the Electrometallurgical Treatment Research and Demonstration Project, please contact: Mr. Robert G. Lange, Associate Director, Office of Facilities, NE-40, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Mr. Lange may be contacted by calling (301) 903-2915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 2, 1996, the Department published a Notice of Availability (61 FR 3922) of the draft EA that included: a brief description of the contents of the document; information on how to obtain

additional copies of the document and submit public comments; and a schedule of public meetings. The Notice also announced a 45-day public comment period from February 5, 1996, to March 22, 1996.

The public comment period is being reopened until May 3, 1996, in response to public requests for additional time to review reference documents and prepare comments. Except as otherwise specified above, all information contained in the February 2, 1996, Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 10th day of April 1996, for the United States Department of Energy.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site Tank Waste Remediation System, Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy and Washington State Department of Ecology.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), announces the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hanford Site Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS). The draft EIS addresses DOE's proposed strategies and reasonable alternatives for management and disposal of radioactive, hazardous, and mixed waste currently or projected to be stored in 177 underground storage tanks and in approximately 60 active and inactive miscellaneous underground storage tanks that were associated with Hanford's tank farm operations. The EIS also addresses the management and disposal of approximately 1,930 radioactive cesium and strontium capsules currently on loan or stored at the Hanford Site, if the capsules are determined to have no further beneficial use. The Hanford Site is located near Richland, Washington. Ecology and DOE signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 15, 1994 to co-prepare this EIS.

DATES: DOE and Ecology invite all interested parties to submit written comments concerning the draft EIS during a comment period ending May 28, 1996. Written comments should be postmarked by May 28, 1996. Comments